

Remarks

Claims 3, 4 and 7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3. Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Claim 2 is dependent upon claim 1 and should be allowable along with claim 1.

Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner and therefore should be allowable.

Claim 5 is dependent upon claim 1 and should be allowable along with claim 1.

Claim 6 is dependent upon claim 1 and should be allowable along with claim 1.

Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner and therefore is understood to be allowable.

Claim 8 -10 have been cancelled.

Claim 11 is dependent upon claim 1 and should be allowable along with claim 1.

Claim 12 is dependent on claims 1, 4 and 7. Since claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3, and claims 4 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form, and claims 3, 4 and 7 were indicated as being allowable, it is believed that claim 12 should be allowable along with claims 1, 4 and 7.

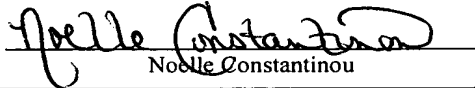
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In view of the foregoing, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is most respectfully requested.

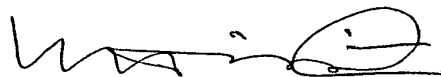
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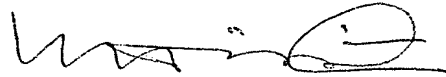
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